



Illinois Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2015, at 57,000 head, is up 2 percent from January 1, 2014. Breeding sheep inventory, at 48,000 head, is up 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2015, totaled 9,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2014. The 2014 lamb crop of 50,000 head was up 4 percent from 2013.

Wool production during 2014 totaled 305,000 pounds, up 2 percent from 2013. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 43,000 head, up 2 percent from 2013.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2014 and 2015

| Class | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| All sheep and lambs | 56.0 | 57.0 | 102 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 47.0 | 48.0 | 102 |
| Ewes - one year old and older | 36.0 | 38.0 | 106 |
| Rams - one year old and older | 3.0 | 3.0 | 100 |
| Replacement lambs under one year old | 8.0 | 7.0 | 88 |
| Market sheep and lambs | 9.0 | 9.0 | 100 |
| Sheep | 1.0 | 1.0 | 100 |
| Lambs | 8.0 | 8.0 | 100 |
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 as percent of 2013 |
| Lamb Crop | 48.0 | 50.0 | 104 |

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 16,700 head on January 1, 2015, down 7 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 5,700 head, was up 68 percent from January 1, 2014.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2014 and 2015

| Class | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| Milk goats | 3.4 | 5.7 | 168 |
| Meat and other goats | 18.0 | 16.7 | 93 |

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